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1. On 17 October 1950 the barracks installations in Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) were again occupied. At about 9:30 a.m. about 400 men fell in in front of a building of the barracks on the northern side of Seelauerstrasse. Upon an order, 150 officers stopped forward. After a short time a high-ranking officer arrived [REDACTED] and addressed the officers. After the speech the EM were dismissed and were later seen marching out of the installation, carrying intrenching tools and led by a band. After the troops had left there was still much activity in the billeting area. It was the impression that the troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets, included many recruits. About 80 trucks [REDACTED] were seen in the billeting area. *

2. Activity in the barracks installation on the southern side of Seelauerstrasse had increased. Some barracks buildings were still under repair. The billeting area was not occupied to capacity. The troops observed there were trained soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was no motor traffic. Tanks were seen in an open garage. **

* [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that the components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels had returned to their post from the Kindel maneuver area by 17 October 1950. Another report stated that elements of this division started leaving Eisenach by rail for their home stations on 7 October 1950. [REDACTED]

** [REDACTED] Comment. According to a report [REDACTED] only a rear detail was quartered in the installation. [REDACTED]

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